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CHINA PARCEL EXPRESS.  
Office—2, DUNDAS STREET.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 1819

## Intimations.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.  
It is hereby notified that during the  
Indivision's Temporary Absence  
from this Colony, Mr. S. HIROY will have  
charge of this Office.  
T. ARIMA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1904. 494

## ROYAL HAIRDRESSING SALOON.

No. 14, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.  
We beg to notify the Public generally  
of Hongkong that we have just  
OPENED a First-class Hairdressing Saloon  
at the above address. We make Cleanliness a  
Speciality. V. TORRES, Manager.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1905. 463

## A NEW DAY SCHOOL.

FOR CHINESE PUPILS will be opened  
on MONDAY, MARCH 6th, in con-  
junction with the Young Men's Christian  
Association (Chinese Dept.) at 28, Des Vaux  
Road Central, Top Floor. Thorough  
instruction in ALL THE ENGLISH  
BRANCHES will be given by FIVE  
CLASS TEACHERS UNDER FOREIGN  
SUPERVISION. Central Location.  
Rooms Large and Well Ventilated. Rates  
very reasonable. Call or send for our cata-  
logue giving full particulars. Address the  
SECRETARY as above.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1905. 392

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ATTENTION!

Do you want to earn more money in  
your present position? Do you want  
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only one way to accomplish these ends, and  
that is to improve your education. There  
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an inferior position when, by a little effort,  
he can so educate himself as to be able to  
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WILL OPEN FOR THE SPRING  
SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH  
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in the following subjects: English (Begin-  
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glish, Arithmetic, Grammar, Book-keeping,  
Commercial Correspondence, Short-hand,  
and Typewriting. A competent Chinese  
Teacher will conduct the Beginners English  
class. All the other classes (except Man-  
glish) will be taught by FIRST-CLASS  
FOREIGN TEACHERS. ENGLISH and  
TYPING are SPECIALTIES. Large  
Airy Rooms. Rates Reasonable. For  
further particulars, write or call—See-  
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(Chinese Dept.), 28, DES VAUX ROAD  
CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1905. 382

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FIRST-CLASS  
Tailor and Outfitter.  
20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN U.S.A.  
UP-TO-DATE CUTTER.  
PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED.  
FANCY GOODS DEALER.  
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Hongkong, September 14, 1904. 1658

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HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO

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JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND

MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA

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JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVI-

GATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDIA-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Canton-Wuchow Line.

s.s. SAINAM, 588 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.

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One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday

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PRIVATE HOTEL, CENTRALLY SITUATED.

SPECIAL TERMS FOR MONTHLY BOARDERS.

RATES MODERATE.

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Hongkong, September 6, 1904. 1675

## NOTICE.

MR. AN WAIL, of Messrs Cho San Bros.

of Yokohama, Japan, has been appointed

to inform the Public of Hongkong that he

has opened a Branch in this Colony, at

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of CHO SAN BROTHERS, and is prepared

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PRINTING, RUBBER STAMP-MAKING, CO-

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STATIONERY, DEBUT FORMS and ACCOUNT

BOOKS.

All Orders will be attended to and exe-

cuted in the shortest time, and the Firm

hopes to be favoured with the kind

patronage of the Public.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 2191

## THE BEST GIFT

FOR THE WIFE

IS A

SINGER SEWING MACHINE.

Come and be convinced.

Showrooms:

1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Hongkong, October 3, 1904. 1262

## AL-KING.

SLIPWAY.

YACHT AND BOAT BUILDER.

CARPENTER, Painter, Rigging, Sail and

Flag Maker; Brass, Copper and Black-

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THAYA LANE, WANCHAI, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1905. 307

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of bottles of Bovril are used annually—used in the sick-room where Bovril is the nurse's second self—used in the kitchen where Bovril is the cook's "right hand"—used on all occasions where strength and sustenance are required. Bovril as a food has received the endorsement of some of the greatest scientists of the age.

Supplied at all the leading Clubs and Hotels, and to be obtained from LANE CRAWFORD & CO., Queen's Road Central.

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THE MOST RELIABLE PACKING FOR MARINE ENGINES.

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, MOST CENTRALLY SITUATED.

WELL FURNISHED AND AIRY BEDROOMS.

Monthly Boarders accommodated on very Moderate Terms.

For Particulars, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, November 3, 1904. 1685

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THE Public are informed that my Parlours are open from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. My 32 years

experience in tattooing is a guarantee of good work and prompt execution. My

Colours are absolutely fast and perfectly harmless, and produce a charming effect not

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of York, and H. I. H. The Emperor of Russia, both honoured me with their patronage;

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attested by 3700 Recommendations which I have received from all Sources.

Hongkong, August 2, 1904. 1419

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10, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG.

SIGHT TESTED FREE. LENSES GRIND ON THE PREMISES.

A. S. TUXFORD, Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1904. 1797

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PORTRAITURE IN ALL STYLES.

AMATEUR WORK A SPECIALITY.

Hongkong, October 5, 1904. 1812

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Admirably Situated—Sheltered from the North-East Monsoon and Open to the

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A COVERED GANGWAY LEADS FROM THE TRAMWAY TERMINUS

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Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 18

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BUY any of the CHEAP NATIVE CHAIRS until you have visited the

factory of the

HARRIS-KEENEY CO.

and seen their beautiful RATTAN, SEA-GRASS and 'LIVEN FIBER' CHAIRS.

Nos. 1 to 14, SHAU-KI-WAN ROAD. TRANS PASS THE DOOR.

Hongkong, January 3, 1905. 19

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## WHISKIES.

MacIntosh, 10 Years Old Whisky ... .. Per Dozen \$10.00

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34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First Floor.

(W. Powell & Co's Old Premises).

Hongkong, March 3, 1905. 2110

## Business Notices.

### GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

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Casks of 375 lbs. net, \$4.50 per Cask, ex Factory.

Bags of 250 lbs. net, \$2.60 per Bag, ex Factory.

## Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, March 1, 1905. 2653

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RAIN COATS, LADIES' UNDERWEAR, CORSETS.

SILK AND LACE TRIMMED CAMBRIC

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HOSIERY, SHOES, AND GLOVES.

NEW STRAW HAT SHAPES.

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Hongkong, February 25, 1905. 1095

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UNRIVALLED FOR COMFORT AND COUSINE.

THOROUGHLY UP TO DATE WITH EVERY MODERN LUXURY.

MODERATE TERMS AND NO EXTRAS.

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, SITUATED NEAR THE BANK AND PRINCEPA

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Large and Lofly Rooms Elegantly Furnished; Hydraulic Elevator

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, most centrally situated; Well Furnished and Airy

Bedrooms. Monthly Boarders accommodated on very Moderate Terms.

For Particulars, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, August 1, 1904. 1412

## LEADING SCOTCH WHISKIES.

THORNE'S BLEND ... .. Per Doz. \$12.00

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CHEAP NOVELS—10 Cents Each.

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NEW BOOKS BY EVERY ENGLISH MAIL.

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WATCH-MAKERS AND JEWELLERS.

NEW SELECTIONS OF  
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HIGH-CLASS GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.  
LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SPECTACLES.  
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EASTMAN'S KODAKS AND FILMS.  
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## M. MUMEYA,

JAPANESE ARTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER  
ENLARGEMENTS ON BROMIDE PAPER  
AND FINISHED IN CRAYON.  
ALL KINDS OF WORK DONE FOR AMATEURS.  
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S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 31, 1904.

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MELLIN'S  
FOOD

For INFANTS and INVALIDS.

MELLIN'S FOOD is free from Starch  
When prepared is similar to Breast Milk.

MELLIN'S FOOD WORKS, PECKHAM, LONDON, ENGLAND.

## Ideal Milk

ENRICHED 20 PER CENT.  
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Sterilized—Not Sweetened.

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The Universal Remedy for Acidity of the  
Stomach, Headache, Heartburn, Indigestion,  
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The Physician's  
Cure for Gout,  
Rheumatic Gout  
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Safest and most  
Gentle Medicine for  
Infants, Children,  
Delicate Females,  
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The most nourishing, digestible  
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BEST & GOES  
FARTHEST.

## Intimations.

## MITSUBISHI GOSHI-KWAISHA

(MITSUBISHI CO.)

## COAL DEPARTMENT.

MARUNO-UCHI, TOKIO.

CABLE ADDRESS: "TASAKI"  
which applies to all Branch Offices and  
Hongkong and Shanghai Agencies.

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ALL LETTERS ADDRESSED  
MANAGER, MITSUBISHI CO., WITH  
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SHANGHAI: H. J. H. TRIPP.  
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CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Foreign Navies;  
the Imperial Armaments; the Imperial Railways; Sanyo, Kinshu and the other Principal  
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EXPORTERS OF COAL to Hongkong, Shanghai, Hankow, Singapore, Manila, North China, Korean ports and America.  
SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takashima, Ochi, Shinjima, Nanzai and Kani-Yamada Collieries, and also Hogo Colliery, which will be ready to produce on a large scale the best Buzon Coal from 1906.  
Sole agents for Kigio, Komatsu (Tagawa) and Matsushima Coals.  
The Head and Branch Offices and the Agencies of the Company will receive any order for Coals produced from the above Collieries.  
Coal sold in 1905 by the Company amounted to 1,210,000 tons.

## TAKASHIMA COAL.

New and additional shafts at the Takashima Colliery have been completed and this well-known best and most economical steam coal in the East is now produced in abundance and can be supplied in any quantity.

Hongkong, February 14, 1905.

## ROYAL TOBACCO FACTORY.

9, BEACONFIELD ARCADE.  
HAYE always a FINEST SUPPLY OF TURKISH TOBACCO. Our EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES are Fresh, as we make them every day. We can recommend them as First-class Snokes. We receive our Tobacco Fresh from Egypt by every mail. A Trial Order will satisfy the most sceptical. We defy competition.

T. E. P. SPIROPOULOS, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1905.

## NIPPON LAUNDRY.

No. 62 and 63, PRAYA EAST.  
ALL Work done in this Establishment is properly executed. Neatness a Specialty. Ironing and Washing done by experienced Japanese. Prices Moderate. G. MONY, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1905.

## KWONG TY CHEONG,

LATE OF NO. 47, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
CHINESE & JAPANESE CURIOS & ARTS.  
PRICES Very Moderate.  
8, D'AGUIAR STREET, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, October 20, 1904.

## A LING &amp; CO.,

FURNITURE STORE,  
AND  
FOOCHOW LAQUERED WARE.  
58, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, September 3, 1904.

## WING FAT,

IMPORTER AND EXPORTER  
AND  
SILK MERCHANT.  
JEWELLERY DEALER AND GOLD  
AND SILVERSMITH.

HAS always on hand a Special Select-  
ed Assortment of every kind and  
pattern of Chinese Manufactured SILKS,  
CURTAINS, IVORY WARES, and best  
quality of China Grass Cloth and Chinese  
Embroideries.

Also  
Best kind of Manila Cigars.  
Inspection is cordially Solicited. Prices  
very Low.  
No. 66, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
Next Door to Chinese Club,  
Hongkong, November 1, 1904.

## TRY OUR FRESH XMAS CAKES.

MADE from the Best of Ingredients and  
Pure Fresh  
AUSTRALIAN BUTTER  
in 1lb, 2lb, 3lb, and of other sizes made to  
order by giving previous notice.  
Yearly increasing sale is the sufficient  
guarantee of their superiority.  
All Orders will be carefully attended to.  
H. RUTON, Proprietor.  
No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET, Hongkong.  
87 & 88, Regent Road, Kowloon.  
Hongkong, December 19, 1904.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE  
HOLDERS in the above Company, will be  
held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY,  
Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 5th  
day of MAR 'H, 1906, at 11.30 A.M. To  
receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December, 1905, and the Report of the  
General Managers, and to elect a Consulting  
Committee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 20th  
February, to the 6th March both days  
inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1905.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
in the Company will be held at the COM-  
PANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road  
Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the  
9th March at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement of Ac-  
counts and the Report of the Directors for  
the year ending 31st December, 1904.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 24th inst.,  
to the 9th proximo, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
C. PEMBERTON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 9, 1905.

ASSOCIATION OF YOKESHIREMEN  
IN HONGKONG & CHINA.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will take  
place at the Hongkong Hotel on  
SATURDAY, the 18th March.  
Yokeshiremen intending to be present  
are requested to communicate with the  
Undersigned.  
As decided by the Parent Society the  
term "Yokeshiremen" includes the follow-  
ing:—(1) A person born in Yokeshire; (2)  
A person of Yokeshire parentage on either  
side; (3) A person identified by residence  
with the County of York.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,  
Hon. Sec. retary.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1905.

## GEO. FENWICK &amp; CO., LTD.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GEN-  
ERAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held in the HONG-  
KONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the  
11th day of March, 1906, at 11.30 A.M., for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors, declaring a Dividend, and elect-  
ing Directors and Auditor.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 8th until  
11th March, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. G. WINTERBURN,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1905.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of this Company will be held  
at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria,  
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 11th day  
of March, 1906, at 11.30 A.M., in the  
Forenoon, when the following resolution  
will be proposed:—  
"That Article X of the Company's Articles  
of Association and its marginal notes be  
and the same are hereby amended so that  
there be substituted therefor the following  
Article and marginal notes  
namely:—  
Power to  
X The Company in General  
Meeting may from time to  
time increase the capital by  
the creation of new shares  
of such amount as may be  
deemed expedient.  
Terms and  
conditions  
of new  
issue.  
When to be  
offered to  
existing  
members.

1. The new shares shall  
be issued upon such terms  
and conditions and with  
such rights as a Privileges  
annexed thereto as the Gen-  
eral Meeting resolving upon  
the creation thereof shall  
direct, and if no direction be  
given as the Directors shall  
determine.  
2. Subject to any direc-  
tion to the contrary that may  
be given by the Meeting that  
sanctions the increase of  
capital all new shares  
shall be offered to the parties  
who on a date to be named  
by the Meeting shall be  
members in proportion to  
the existing shares held by  
them and such offer shall be  
made by notice specifying  
the number of shares to  
which the Member is entitled  
and limiting a time within  
which the offer if not ac-  
cepted will be deemed to be  
declined, and after the ex-  
piration of such time or on  
the receipt of an intimation  
from the Member to whom  
such notice is given that he  
declines to accept the shares  
offered, the Directors may  
dispose of the same in such  
manner as they think most  
beneficial to the Company.  
3. Except so far as is  
otherwise provided by the  
conditions of issue or by  
these presents any capital  
raised by the creation of  
new shares shall be con-  
sidered part of the original  
ordinary capital and shall be  
subject to the provisions  
herein contained with re-  
ference to the payment of  
calls and instalments, trans-  
fer and transmission, for-  
feiture, lien and otherwise.  
4. Should the resolution to be passed by the  
required majority it will be submitted for  
confirmation as a special resolution to a  
second extraordinary meeting which will  
be subsequently convened.  
By order of the Board of Directors,  
W. G. WINTERBURN,  
General Manager.

Dated 1st March, 1905.

## AH-PONG.

SHIP AND HOUSE PAINTER,  
GLIDER, GRANNER, AND SCRAPER, CAULKER  
AND CEMENTER.  
No. 44, DES VEXES ROAD CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1905.

## Intimations.



Hongkong, February 8, 1905.

## To Let.

FURNISHED, from March next, Six-  
Roomed Bungalow with Tennis Lawn  
and Garden.  
'YALTA' Mount Kowloon, Peak.  
Apply, HARRY WICKING & CO.,  
St. George's Building.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1905.

## TO LET.

2 NEW HOUSES, To Let, in CASTLE  
ROAD.  
Apply to  
SAM WANG & CO., LD.,  
81, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, October 22, 1904.

## TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 6, CAMELION VILLAS, Mount-  
Kellet, Peak.  
For 6 months from 1st May.  
Apply to  
H. W. FRASER,  
C/o Hongkong Bank.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1905.

## TO LET.

NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, The  
Peak.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
AND AGENCY CO., LD.,  
Hongkong, March 26, 1904.

## TO LET.

AT 55, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, GROUND  
FLOOR, with Basement, suitable  
for Office, Shop or Godown.  
Apply to  
No. 48, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1905.

## TO LET—FURNISHED.

FROM 15th MARCH PROXIMO.  
NO. 13, SEYMOUR TERRACE, with  
Tennis Court.  
Apply B. BROTHERTON HARKER,  
17, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1905.

## TO LET.

SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE in Robinson  
Road, Kowloon.  
Apply to  
MR. HENRY HUMPHREYS,  
or to  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND  
FINANCE CO., LD.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1905.

## TO LET—IN KOWLOON.

ONE FOUR-ROOM FLAT, in Central  
Position, grand view; 5 minutes'  
walk to Ferry. Rent Moderate to suitable  
Tenant. Apply for full particulars to  
DOOLITTLE & POLLOCK,  
63 & 64, Elgin Road, Kowloon, and  
1 & 3, Wellington Street, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1905.

## TO LET.

NO. 14, SALISBURY AVENUE, 5  
ROOMED HOUSE.  
TWO FIRST-CLASS SHOPS, Euro-  
pean Style, in Kowloon. Possession on or  
about 1st August, 1905.  
Nos. 2 and 4, SALISBURY AVENUE,  
Kowloon. Immediate possession.  
Apply to  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, February 20, 1905.

## TO LET.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD,  
FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE, facing the  
Polo Ground.  
OFFICES, in Course of Erection, Con-  
naught Road (near Blake Pier).  
GODOWN'S PRAYA ROAD.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1905.

## TO LET.

NO. 1, RYAN TERRACE.  
A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD,  
FLATS in MORRISON TERRACE, facing the  
Polo Ground.  
OFFICES, in Course of Erection, Con-  
naught Road (near Blake Pier).  
GODOWN'S PRAYA ROAD.  
Apply to  
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MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1905.

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Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1905.

## For Sale.

BEST 'HERMOOR' CEMENT, ex  
Godown Wanchai, to arrive about 2nd  
March, 15th June, 10th November. Break-  
ing Strain 150 lbs. per square inch.  
Apply  
A. H. RENNIE,  
2 Chater Road.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1905.

## FOR SALE OR TO LET.

AT THE PEAK.  
AN ELEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, with  
Dressing, Drying, and Bathrooms;  
partly furnished; distant thirteen minutes  
by chair from the Tram; fitted with super-  
ior Baths and with hot and cold water;  
large Kitchen; Laundry and Servants  
Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or  
divided into two.  
For particulars and terms,  
Apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1904.

## Wanted.

WANTED.  
BY Well-known Firm in one of the  
Chief Ports EUROPEAN BOOK-  
KEEPER and general Office ASSISTANT.  
Age about 25. Apply in writing, giving  
qualifications and salary required to  
JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1905.

## WANTED.

A First-Class CHINESE TRAFOIR  
for a Day School. Must have a  
thorough knowledge of English, Write,  
stating Qualifications, Testimonials, and  
Salary required, to  
"C. C. R.",  
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1905.

## Intimations.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on  
and after this date interest at the  
rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon  
all Calls in respect of Shares not fully Paid  
Up from the day appointed for Payment of  
such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905,  
if JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 4, 1905.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all  
SHARES in respect of which the  
Final Call of \$7.50 per Share has not been  
paid will, unless the same together with  
interest accrued and accruing thereon be  
paid at the Registered Offices of the  
Company, Alexander Buildings, Des Vaux  
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or  
before the 25th FEBRUARY, 1905, be  
liable to be forfeited.  
Dated the 30th January, 1905.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 4, 1905.

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Surgeon, D. S. (L.S.),  
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TERMS VERY MODERATE  
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1905.

Hongkong, December 2, 1904.

UNITED KINGDOM'S COAL  
SUPPLY.

LONDON, JAN. 25.  
The report of the Royal Commission on  
the coal supplies of the United Kingdom,  
issued today, calculates the available re-  
sources of the proved coalfields at  
100,000,000,000 tons, which at the present  
increasing rate of output will last about  
160 years. Commissioners anticipate that,  
owing to physical considerations, the rate  
of the increase of the output will soon be  
slower and will be followed by a period of  
stationary output and then by a gradual  
decline which will prolong the duration of  
the resources.  
The report also says it is interesting to  
note that while the output of the United  
Kingdom has little more than doubled  
since 1870, the output of Germany has in-  
creased fourfold and that of the United  
States tenfold. The competition of Ameri-  
can coal thus far has only affected Great  
Britain's distant markets, but fears are ex-  
pressed that the American production will  
eventually outstrip the present demands  
and force America to establish a large coal  
export trade in order to dispose of her  
surplus.

TREASURE HUNTING IN THE  
PACIFIC.

Search Parties Fight.

New York, January 13.  
A special to the New York Herald from  
Panama says:—From Costa Rica comes  
the news of an encounter between rival bands  
of treasure hunters on Ocos Island, where  
a pirate's hoard is said to be buried. The  
expedition under Lord Fitzwilliam was  
defeated by men under the command of  
Harold W. S. Gray. Lord Fitzwilliam and  
party reached the island on the yacht  
"Veronique," to find that it had been  
pre-occupied by the Gray expedition on the  
yacht "Ros Marice." The latter party  
had a Costa Rican concession to search for  
the treasure and objected to the presence  
of the Fitzwilliam force. A fight followed,  
and Fitzwilliam and company were beaten  
off. The Costa Rican Government has  
sent the gunboat "Tartarilla" to establish  
and preserve order on the island.  
In the "Yachman" of London, December  
29th, under the caption, "List of Move-  
ments of British Yachts at Foreign and  
Colonial Ports: From Lloyd's," the follow-  
ing report is found: "Ros Marice," steam  
yacht, arrived at Punta Arenas, November  
19th, from Panama, and left for Isle del  
Coco. "Lloyd's" yacht register gives Harold  
W. S. Gray as the owner of the "Ros  
Marice," and says she belongs to the port  
of Southampton.

Mr. Harry de Windt, the explorer, is about  
to make a journey through the less known  
parts of the Balkan States, returning to  
Europe via Odessa and Constantinople.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has been presented  
by an admirer with a bed quilt composed of  
22,642 different pieces of material. The  
pattern represents the national colors.

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A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.  
Lieber's Standard Code.  
TELEPHONE, 235.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1905.

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for Creaming, Restoring, and Pre-  
serving Beauty. Their application impart  
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Softness, the Fresh Tints of Health and the  
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LIPONS prepared by Mrs. ELLEN her-  
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erally.

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## M. DE WITTE.

## A Brief Character Sketch.

M. Sergius de Witte, whose name is becoming largely in the cablegrams from Europe just now, has been for thirteen years one of the strongest personalities in the Russian Bureaucracy. Not yet fifty-six, says a writer in a London journal, M. de Witte has worked his way up from the position of an underpaid railway clerk (who occasionally acted as porter) to that of right-hand man of the Emperor Nicholas; and to whatever extent fatigue may have aided him—and, without intrigue nothing is possible in the immediate entourage of the Tsar—his is none the less a wonderful achievement. His task was the harder because he has been all his life a plain, blunt man, unpolished of speech and awkward of manner, who by no means commended himself to the courtiers of the Tsar. Big-limbed and muscular, standing over six feet high, he has the reputation of being harsh to his subordinates and extremely passionate.

The picture is doubtless overdrawn, for M. de Witte is well liked. For one thing he is only remotely Russian, for his father was of Dutch descent, and he himself was born at Tiflis. For another he does not forget a slight. It is not so very long ago that the Grand Duke Michael administered to M. de Witte a public flogging, cutting him dead at a State ball. M. de Witte did not appear to notice the insult, but at a private audience of the Tsar he tendered his resignation. Russia, always financially in a tight place, was just then in a tighter corner than ever. The Tsar intervened, and a Grand Duke, for the first time in Russian history, apologised to a commoner—for it was not until January 1901, that Sergius Julius Witte was created a count and enabled to interpolate the coveted 'de' into his name. The Tsar could not afford to offend the man who was spending forty millions sterling on the Siberian Railway and had borrowed four hundred millions from France; but the incident did not make M. de Witte any more of a favourite.

## ENGLAND'S GREATEST TALKERS.

Who are the greatest talkers in England? The Prime Minister heads the list at present. In Parliament there are only half a dozen other men who have talked half as much as Mr. Balfour. According to 'The Premier Parliamentary Record and Review,' an interesting little booklet compiled in the Press Gallery, and published by Messrs. Howarth & Co., of Clapham, Mr. Balfour spoke 317 columns of Hansard during last session. Mr. Austen Chamberlain 237, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman 200, Mr. Wyndham 180, and Mr. Arnold Forster 169. Mr. Lloyd-George's record was 156 columns, and Mr. Gibson Bowles, nearly as talkative, spoke four columns less.

There is only half as much talking in the Lords as in the Commons. Lord Lansdowne heads the list with 166 columns, Earl Spencer being second with 100. They are the only two peers whose columns run into three figures, Lord Salisbury and the Duke of Marlborough lying for third place with 82.

There are, of course, many members of Parliament who are never heard at all in either House. Mr. Tollemache declared the other day that he has not spoken once in twenty-four years, and there are others whose voice is so rarely heard that it is hardly recognised.

Thirty-five years last session talked to the extent of one column to one and three-quarters each. No fewer than 260 members of the House of Commons spoke for less than half an hour each during the whole session.

## Auctions.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.  
PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. H. Gompertz, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

## SATURDAY,

the 4th March, 1905, at 2 P.M., within his Residence, 'MARTINHOE,' BARBER ROAD, THE PEAK.

THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Hongkong, March 1, 1905. 447

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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## SATURDAY,

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A CHOICE COLLECTION OF A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS,

Comprising:—

SILK KIMONOS, JACKETS, BLOUSES, and DRAWING ROBES.

RARE SATSUMA, FINE CELADONS, BRONZES and ORNAMENTS.

HANDSOME SILK EMBROIDERED SCARVES, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,

Hongkong, February 27, 1905. 419

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar Supreme Court, to Sell by Public Auction,

## TUESDAY,

the 7th March, 1905, at 2 P.M., at the MESSOPOL HOTEL, SHIP-KI-WAN ROAD.

SUNDRY GOODS AND CHATTLES,

belonging to J. CHRISTIE,

Comprising:—

BED ROOM FURNITURE, TRUNKS, DRESSING TABLES and CHAIRS, MONOCO and SIX TAIKATY-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITES, ELECTRIC-PLATED GLASS and CHOCOLATE WARE, CARPETS, RUGS, ENGRAVINGS, TRUNKS, SIDEBOARDS and DINING WAGONS with BEVELLED GLASS, &c., &c., &c.

Also,

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

Hongkong, March 2, 1905. 452

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## THURSDAY,

the 9th March, 1905, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, at his Sales Rooms, DUNDRELL STREET.

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For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 23, 1904. 430

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## MAIL STEAMER DEPARTURES.

The following table is a chronologically arranged list of mail steamer sailings to Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. Coast ports, Manila, and Japan are not given, for steamers are constantly sailing for those ports. All the American steamers call at Japan, and the majority of the Australian boats call at Manila, and, in addition to those vessels, special steamers run there. The departure of every steamer is subject to alteration. The P. & O. mails usually reach London in about 28 days, and the French and German in about 38 or 40 days.

## EUROPEAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP. LONDON ABOUT.	DEP.
March 7	M. M. Caledonia	Marseilles	March 8	April 4
" 11	P. & O. Bengal	London	" 15	" 15
" 17	G. M. S. Princess Alice	Hamburg	" 19	" 25
" 21	M. M. Osmen	Marseilles	" 22	" 29
" 25	P. & O. Nabia	London	" 22	" 29
" 29	G. M. S. Prinz Regent	Hamburg	" 22	" 29
April 4	M. M. Carance	Marseilles	May 8	May 13
" 8	P. & O. Malta	London	" 8	" 13
" 12	G. M. S. Prinz Heinrich	Hamburg	" 8	" 13

## CANADIAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP.
1905			1905
March 8	C.P.R. Empress of Japan	Vancouver.	Mar. 29
" 15	do. Athenian	do.	April 5
" 29	do. Empress of China	do.	" 19
April 19	do. Empress of India	do.	" 10
" 26	do. Empress of Japan	do.	" 31
May 19	do. Athenian	do.	" 30
" 24	do. Empress of India	do.	June 17
" 31	do. Empress of India	do.	" 21

## AMERICAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP.
1905			1905
March 11	O. & O. Doric	San Francisco	April 6
" 24	do. Korea	do.	" 21
April 4	do. Celtic	do.	" 13
" 15	P.M.S. Sicilia	do.	" 13
" 23	do. Mongolia	do.	" 23
May 6	do. China	do.	June 3
" 16	P.M.S. Manchuria	do.	" 13

## AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

DEP.	STEAMER.	DESTINATION.	DEP.
1905			1905
Mar. 6	N. D. L. Prinz Sigismund	Sydney.	Mar. 29
" 11	E. & A. Eastern	do.	" 29
" 14	C. N. Changsha	do.	" 29
April 5	E. & A. Australian	do.	" 29
" 17	C. N. Chingta	do.	" 30
April 22	N. D. L. Prinz Waldemar	do.	" 30
" 22	C. N. Taiyuan	do.	" 30
May 3	E. & A. Empire	do.	" 30
May 13	C. N. Tsingta	do.	" 30
May 29	N. D. L. Prinz Sigismund	do.	" 30

## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albion	despatch-vessel	1790	32	3000	Comdr. Richard M. Harbord	Hongkong
Albatross	batlle-ship, 1st class	12,850	42	13,500	Captain Sydney R. Fromant	Hongkong
Albatross	despatch-vessel	1050	6	1400	Comdr. R. N. O'Connor	Hongkong
Albatross	despatch-vessel	11,000	16	16,000	Capt. R. N. O'Connor	Hongkong
Aurora	despatch-vessel	1790	32	3000	Captain L. G. Tufnell	Hongkong
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Comdr. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Brimstone	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Captain Fegun	Hongkong
Cerberus	gunboat, 1st class	1070	14	18,000	Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
Cherub	gunboat, 1st class	890	6	1700	Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
Fama	gunboat, 1st class	890	6	1700	Lieut. Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
*Gloria	gunboat, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain H. W. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Handy	gunboat, 1st class	275	6	4000	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
Hari	gunboat, 1st class	275	6	4000	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
Hoggar	gunboat, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Shortland	Hongkong
Humber	gunboat, 1st class	1840	6	800	Lieut. Comdr. F. M. Bisdore	Hongkong
Iphigenia	gunboat, 1st class	3600	17	9000	Captain W. B. Fauskner	Hongkong
Janus	gunboat, 1st class	280	6	3900	Lieut. Comdr. A. Gregory	Hongkong
Kinshasa	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Lt. Comdr. C. P. Metcalfe	Hongkong
Monsoon	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Lt. Comdr. F. B. Noble	Hongkong
Ocean	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Captain T. G. Greet	Hongkong
Orion	gunboat, 1st class	180	2	800	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
Phenix	gunboat, 1st class	1015	6	1400	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Hongkong
Rambler	gunboat, 1st class	835	6	650	Comdr. C. E. Moore	Hongkong
Robin	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Lt. Com. R. E. Vaughan	Hongkong
Rosario	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Comdr. H. T. Atay	Hongkong
Saga	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Capt. C. H. H. Moore	Hongkong
Saga	gunboat, 1st class	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. Davidson	Hongkong
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## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Aspern	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	2437	20	7300	Capt. Friedrich Griesenberger	Singapore
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	28	8000	Captain M. P. Franz	Hongkong
Achéron	French armoured gunboat	1796	10	1700	Comdr. Laferrière	Salon
Alouette	French gunboat	700	7	400	Lieut. A. Varney	Salon
Argus	French gunboat	123	3	400	Lieut. Crespin	Salon
Aspie	French gunboat	470	6	450	Lieut. Journe	Salon
Avalanche	French gunboat	140	6	400	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Salon
Bengali	French gunboat	3740	29	9000	Capt. Leiva	Salon
Bugeaud	French gunboat	140	6	150	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Salon
Cassiope	French gunboat	6018	18	17,000	Captain V. Poldine	Salon
*Châteaurenault	French gunboat	626	4	438	Comdr. L. L. L.	Salon
Comète	French gunboat	690	10	900	Comdr. L. L. L.	Salon
Decidée	French gunboat	4000	31	9500	Comdr. L. L. L.	Salon
Estac	French gunboat	350	7	303	Lieut. Jehanne	Salon
Frédéric	French gunboat	9376	30	20,200	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Salon
Guédon	French gunboat	397	7	293	Lieut. Comdr. Bousassat	Salon
Henri Rivière	French gunboat	1250	6	293	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Salon
Javelin	French gunboat	9700	12	19,600	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Salon
Keratan	French gunboat	350	7	200	Lieut. de Vaux Prat	Salon
Montcalm	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Capt. Housier	Salon
Montcalm	French gunboat	350	7	200	Comdr. Semer	Salon
Orly	French gunboat	9437	8	6071	Lieut. de Vaux Prat	Salon
Pascal	French gunboat	1736	10	1700	Capt. Vincent	Salon
Pistolet	French gunboat	9376	30	20,200	Comdr. A. S. Stopford	Salon
Redoubtable	French gunboat	829	2	500	Capt. Vincent	Salon
Sully	French gunboat	1130	23	4500	Capt. Vincent	Salon
Surcouf	French gunboat	128	7	500	Lieut. de Vaux Prat	Salon
Taliskin	French gunboat	1857	15	2500	Comdr. Huss	Salon
Vauban	French gunboat	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Froux	Salon
Vigilante	French gunboat	1778	15	2500	Comdr. von Stadnitz	Salon
Bussard	German cruiser	6230	34	10,000	Capt. Wober	Salon
Friedrich Richarz	German cruiser	6500	37	10,000	Capt. Baron Schimmelmann	Salon
Göter	German cruiser	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Baron von M. Hülse	Salon
Hansa	German cruiser	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Kiebo	Salon
Hertha	German cruiser	850	10	1344	Comdr. Krenke	Salon
Idis	German cruiser	1009	8	875	Comdr. von Grumbkow	Salon
Jaguar	German cruiser	1640	15	2800	Comdr. Persius	Salon
Luchs	German cruiser	2600	24	8000	Captain Vait	Salon
Minotaur	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Comdr. Daimling	Salon
Seeadler	German cruiser	170	5	1300	Comdr. Giebler	Salon
Thetis	German cruiser	3600	10	7471	Captain Bura Ricci	Salon
Tiger	German cruiser	2499	29	7000	Captain Frabittero	Salon
Vorwärts	German cruiser	1930	14	4000	Capt. Pesetto	Salon
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	720	10	6000	Captain d'Antas Ribeiro	Salon
Dia	Portuguese cruiser	3215	20	6000	Captain Coutinho	Salon
Vasco de Gama	Portuguese cruiser	310	6	730	Capt. Manuel Vago de Carvalho	Salon
Albatross	Russian gunboat	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Guinter	Salon
Amur	Russian cruiser	6000	27	24,000	Comdr. Gramatichoff	Salon
Asakof	Russian cruiser	7500	10	16,500	Capt. Reitzenshtein	Salon



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Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

9 p.m.—Concert in St. George's Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Good per Post undelivered by this date at noon will be landed.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, March 5—

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MONDAY, March 6—

11.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Goods per *Lowther Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 7—

2 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Goods and Chattels, &amp;c., at Metropole Hotel, Shau-ki-wan Road.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Marine Glass, at Messrs. Hughes &amp; Hough's Sales Rooms.

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## BIRTHS.

On February 11 at Weibau, the wife of HERBERT L. DEER, of a Daughter.

On February 24, at No. 9, Markham Road, Shanghai, the wife of T. A. STANRING, of a Daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

On February 4, at the Roman Catholic Church, Fooksho, EDWARD G. LEDAS, of the I. M. Customs, Samsu, to GUINEVERE BARNARD, second daughter of the late H. S. Bidwell, of Shanghai.

On February 23, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Rev. J. B. Ott (O.M.S.), assisted by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M.A., Cathedral Dean, WILLIAM BROWN, O.M.S., Shanghai, to EMILY MELIA, youngest daughter of the late James Donaghy Harkness, Esq., Newagh, Ireland.

## DEATHS.

On March 2, at No. 48, Elgin Street, Hongkong, Henrietta Peel, aged 84 years. Transvaal papers please copy.

On January 12, at 99, Cromwell Road, S. W. MARGARET MARY, widow of Patrick Joseph Hughes, Her late Majesty's Consul-General, Shanghai, China, and daughter of the late P. Callan, Courtney Hill, Newry, Ireland.

On February 21, at No. 4, Ward Road, Shanghai, the infant daughter of LAURE and KIM LIZZY, aged 14 months.

On February 26 at Shanghai Villa, Bedford, England, WILLIAM POWELL, formerly of Shanghai, China, aged 66.

On February 27 at the General Hospital, Shanghai, SAKU GOLDMAN, late of Nagasaki, Japan, in his 65th year.

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1905.

## THE 'SQUEEZING' GUILDS.

It is only a few months since the foreign residents of Kobe were forced to seek protection in united action against the oppressive squeezing of the butchers' guild, and now we in Hongkong have the alternative of doing a similar thing or submitting to the extortion being practiced by our meat suppliers. Within a day or two, and with no reasonable cause, the butchers have sprung the price of meat by 10 per cent; in some cases and 24 per cent, in others. A representative of the CHINA MAIL has, during the past two or three days, been engaged in the task of ascertaining the reason for the sudden rise, and after sifting what he has heard in various quarters we are forced to the conclusion that there can be no doubt no solid grounds to warrant such startling alterations as have been made in the rates that have prevailed for some time past. If, indeed, conditions did call for a change that change should have been in the shape of a reduction. The compradores obviously combined to 'squeeze' and 'squeeze' they will unless the whole of the residents combine to resist. Some compradores put the blame for the action on increased likin dues, others on scarcity of cattle, robbers, pirates, and the guild. The last-named is really the culpable body. The guild has ordained that the price must go up, and up it has gone with that unquestioning compliance so characteristic of the Chinese unionists. Now it is for the people who consume what these unionists have to sell to say whether or not they are prepared to uncomplainingly submit to their inordinate prices being demanded for food that should be but half the price. The cost of living has, with the years, grown to such stupendous dimensions in Hongkong that it is almost impossible for any average-paid married working man to live and at the same time save portion of his earnings for the rainy days of life. Government servants in particular suffer, and we believe we are right in saying that a calculation would now show that the cost of maintaining a household in the way that civil servants should live was beyond the means of many who are expected to keep respectable upon the salaries that are allowed them. These men have been from time to time compelled to yield to the compradore whenever that trade middleman has felt disposed to raise prices, but the Government has done little or nothing to assist him to meet the larger demands. Now the matter has reached a stage that action should be taken both by the people and by the Government. Appointing commissions of inquiry and tinkering with

the question in such a fashion is futile.

That has been tried before and resulted in nothing. The compradores laughed at it, and still laugh. They have, since the fatuous action of the Government of the time in allowing the big marketing town of Samchun to slip from their fingers, had the people of Hongkong in the palm of their hands. For over twelve months the British flag flew over that central marketing city of the Kwangtung province, and notwithstanding the opinions of leading residents, amongst whom was the late Bishop Piazzi, it was hauled down when the boundary of the New Territory was arranged, and the city was restored to Chinese rule. That is where the major portion of the squeezing for which Hongkong has to pay goes on, and how to defeat it is the problem that the Government and the people are now called upon to solve. With this purpose in view action should be taken at once. The Kobe people, when the limit of endurance was reached, met in public and discussed ways and means. Discussion quickly evolved a plan and they formed a Meat Club, boycotted the local butchers, and commenced negotiations for cold storage premises. They have secured meat at cheaper rates and have the butchers under their thumb. That is what the position should be here. Foreigners are utterly at the mercy of the guilds and the latter know it, and whilst the foreigners are content to pay, the Chinese will make demands. The people here should follow the example of the Kobe residents and hold a public meeting as early as possible. If a few of the leading public spirited men would combine and draw up a programme we feel sure that the general public would not be apathetic and would strongly support any action calculated to stop the 'squeeze-pidgin' now being practiced. If something of the sort is not done the Chinaman will conclude he has the field to himself and will continue to pillage local pockets accordingly.

Shanghai is feeling the pinch of the winter just as keenly as Hongkong does, and the Americans are doing something to help their nationals. Our Shanghai correspondents writing on the subject says:—

It has been reported for Mr. J. W. Davidson, the Acting U.S.A. Consul-General, to form a Relief Fund or Society to aid the foreigners stranded in Shanghai. Of course, as is only proper, the Association deals solely with Americans, but this right-minded action may lead other nationalities to take more pains to mitigate distress.

Mr. Davidson frankly acknowledges the indispensable fact that many of the beggars are American (these are not the exact words used by the gentleman) and the scheme has partly been set on foot to protect the benevolent Americans out here who, rather than refuse help where it may be really needed, give to one and all, and it often happens that a man, trading on such kindly impulse, will collect dollar after dollar which he will expend in more glorious, and, at the same time, more ungracious, ways.

When assistance is now asked for, the applicant will be referred to the Consulate and his claims investigated. There will be a Committee of six members, within telephonic communication, and the consent of three must be obtained before relief is granted. All members of the Society and also the American firms will be asked for small subscriptions. It is not intended to give money, but tickets for a meal and a bed at some cheap hotel will be issued, and more than anything it is intended to render aid to the stranded American, man, woman, or child, who is in need of medical service.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A cow was killed yesterday at the site of the new post office by the wire rope connected with the pile-driver breaking and a portion of it striking him on the head.

The case in which the water police have summoned Messrs. Funchard, Lowther and Company for not complying with the shipping regulations was called on at the Magistracy this morning, and remanded for a week. It was stated that negotiations were taking place between the defendants and the Government.

The annual First Brigade competition took place this afternoon at the rear of the Ko Shing Theatre when various drills were gone through. The exhibition was witnessed by His Excellency the Governor and a party from Government House, while all the points of vantage round the open space were occupied by a large number of Chinese. The exhibition commenced at 3.30 and had not concluded at the time of going to press.

Chapman's Street Index.

The sixth supplement of Mr. A. Chapman's Street Index has been issued. A second edition of the index will be published in August next, containing corrections up to date. Since the first edition was published, divisions of lots and other alterations equal to 40 pages, and affecting 1650 streets in the index have been noticed by supplement.

Band at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Col. Canfield and officers, the Band of the 11th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selections at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening, Saturday, the 4th March:—

March:—'The Welsh Brigade'.....Fransworth Selection.....'San Toy'.....Jones

Valde.....'Chere Amie'.....Mugrave Dance.....'At a Georgia Camp meeting'.....Mills

Characteristic Piece.....'The mill in the Black Forest'.....Ellenberg

Selections.....'Barnack room Ballads'.....Cobb

GOOD BAYE THE KING.

First pious maid, reading from the paper—'Jenny,' it says here that another octogenarian is dead. 'What an octogenarian!' Well, I don't quite know what they are, but they must be very old creatures; you never hear of 'em but they're dyin'!

from protection. There was no loosening of the connections. It was a marriage from which there was no divorce.

Londoners, up to the present, have failed to appreciate to what extent the fog which periodically visit their city can be utilized. It certainly never does any good in the Metropolis, but, at least, a use for it, and that a novel one, has been discovered by our American cousins, as the following extract from a London exchange will show:

'I guess 'said the Yankee, 'that there's some good in London fog after all.' 'Glad you think so,' said his friend.

'Well, I do. My life was saved out in the West by one last year.' 'I don't understand you.'

'No, perhaps not. You see, last time I was here I bought a bike one thick day, and had it pumped up there and then, and booked it straight for New York. Just nine weeks afterwards I was on this bike being chased by two hundred mounted Indians over the prairie. I'd quite given myself up for lost when bang went my back tyre, and that's how I dodged 'em.'

'Whatover do you mean?' 'Why, man, don't you see that tyre was chock full of fog—good fog, too—and when it streamed out and spread itself around them Indians I got in the mist!'

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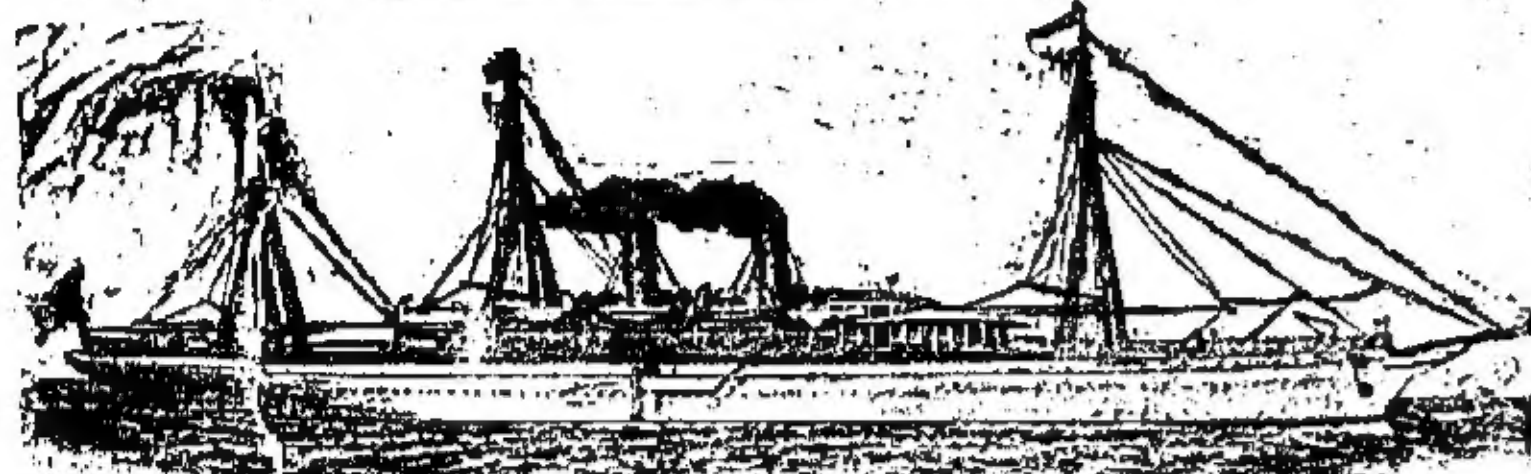
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ARAGONIA	5198	SCHEIDT	MAR. 10, 1905.
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGNER	MAR. 31, 1905.
NUMANTIA	4570	RENNER	APRIL 20, 1905.
ARAFUA	4488	BAILE	MAY 11, 1905.

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Hongkong, March 2, 1905.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.	DECI-M, J. Capt. SCHLAIKER	WEDNESDAY, Mar., 8, at Daylight.
TAMUL, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.	FRITHJOF, Capt. H. HANSEN	SUNDAY, 12th Mar., at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers  
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FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ASTORIA	5th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSSSES	7th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	HYERUS	10th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MACHON	13th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ALCIBIDES	16th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KAISER	21st March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	SEAMENSON	28th March.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, SPENIOR	14th March	
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, PATROCLUS	16th March	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, ACHILLES	18th March	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, MACHAON	11th April	
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL, ALICIBIDES	20th April	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP, KAISOW	28th April	

\* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS.	and via OANPA.....	24th March

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1905.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SWATOW, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	CHIHAI	4th March.
CHEFOO & NEWCHANG	HAYANG	6th March.
MANILA	TEAN	7th March.
NEWCHANG	ICHANG	8th March.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	TAIWAN	8th March.

PORT DARWIN, THURS.  
DAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN,  
CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE,  
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CHANGHAI \* 14th March.

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	"	Mar. 11, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, February 25, 1905.

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S.S. SUELA	...	" J. HANSEN.
S.S. INDRASHAMA	...	" G. T. SMITH.
S.S. INDRAVELLI	...	" R. P. CLAVEN.
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Hongkong, February 9, 1905.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1905.

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CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship  
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Hongkong, February 23, 1905.

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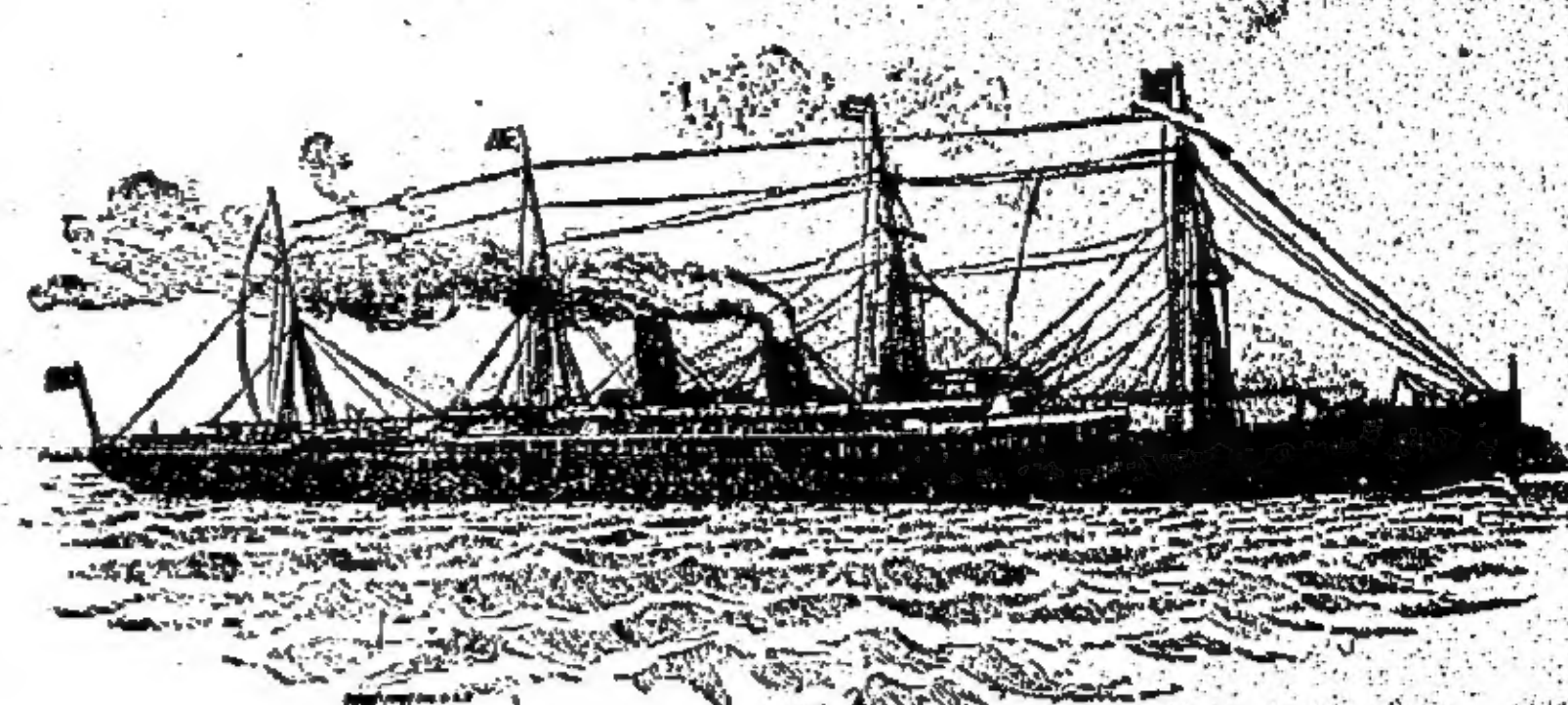
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KORE	11,276	FRIDAY, 24th March, 1905, at Noon.
COPTIC	4,522	TUESDAY, 4th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA	11,284	SATURDAY, 15th April, at Noon.
MONSIEUR	13,639	TUESDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
CHINA	5,100	SATURDAY, 6th May, at Noon.
MANCHURIA	13,639	TUESDAY, 16th May, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. KOREA, 11,276 tons, Oct.  
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THE P. M. Steamship DORIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via  
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SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,  
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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
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Hongkong, March 1, 1905.

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THE Steamship  
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Capt. G. ROUVY, will be despatched for  
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 7th  
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Passage Tickets and through Bills of  
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Cargo also booked for principal places in  
Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows:—

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S.S. TOURANE ..... April 4, 1905.

S.S. TOISEN ..... April 18, 1905.

L. BRIDOU,  
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Hongkong, February 21, 1905.

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THE MOBILITY OF RAILWAY  
TRACKS.

An American paper says it is well known to railroad men that rails 'apparently tired of lying still in the same place, sometimes emulate the trains that pass over them by starting off on excursions of their own.' This tendency, although not so serious as suggested by the quoted observation, is nevertheless such as to cause trouble to engineers. Discussing the subject, the *Railway Age* says:—

We knew before, and scarcely know more now, that rails creep with the direction of traffic except on heavy grades; that 'treble' and unstable embankments are favourable to the creeping of rails; that rails creep more under fast traffic or a heavy traffic than they do under a slow or a light traffic.

There are several points upon which there is a virtual agreement, and these consist, first, in ascribing the creeping of rails largely to an unstable condition of the track, which arises from two causes—a loose foundation and the comparative shortness of the pieces of rail. Indeed, several of the gentlemen who discussed the question lay particular emphasis upon this point, and even Mr. Lindenthal, who does not believe thoroughly in this theory, admits that 'discontinuous, high, stiff girders on solid continuous bearings' probably would creep less than the present form of track.

There is absolute agreement on the fact of the creeping of rails, or, in frequent cases, connections with the cross-ties, for any but the best serious cases, and the only practicable method now suggested is one which has been in practice, and is the insertion of a split point in the rail, with substitute rails of varying lengths to suit the changed conditions. One correspondent makes a case where the track was carried over a swamp on a gravel embankment from 6 to 8 feet high, and here the splice plates were broken at the centre and the rails separated from 6 to 12 inches; where the plates failed to break, the bolts were sheared off, and this gentleman, Mr. F. S. Stevens, ascribes the trouble not wholly to the swamp, but quite as much to the general looseness of the track construction. This is a view so largely taken in the discussion that the observer must be impressed by it, and the cure resolves itself merely into a better form of track construction. It must be many years before any great improvement in method can take place, but with so many evidences of our prevailing forms—short rails, isolated supports, inefficient spikes, and insufficient splices—there would seem to be a growing sentiment for the greater stability which will attach to a continuously supported rail.

The number of Chinese employed in the Transvaal mines last month was given as 20,682, less 33 repatriated and 10 dead.

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THE new Twin Screw Steel Steamer, **KWONG CHOW**, 1,309 tons, Captain J. P. MARTIN, **KWONG TUNG**, 1,238 tons, Captain H. W. WALKER, leave HONGKONG for CANTON at 9 Every Evening (Saturday excepted). Leave CANTON for HONGKONG about 6.30 o'clock—Every Evening (Sunday excepted). These fine new Steamers have unequalled accommodation for First Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity. Passage Fare—Single Journey...\$4.00 Mails...\$1.00 each. The Company's Wharf is a short distance West of the Harbour Master's Office. **SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,** and **YUEN ON S.S. CO., LTD.,** No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, November 3, 1904. 31

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**TAI WOO & CO.**  
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